

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 28, 2003 (Paper No. 8).

Responsive to the requirement for restriction set out on page 2 of the Official Action, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-6 as originally filed, and new claim 18, presented above. This response is made without traverse.

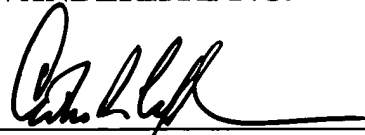
An examination on the merits of claims 1-6 and 18 is awaited.

Please see the Request to Correct Inventorship Under Rule 48(b) filed July 23, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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